



October 20, 2022

Mark Pendergraft, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin Street
Penticton BC V2A 5J9

Reference: 312368

Dear Chair Pendergraft:

Re: UBCM Meeting 2022

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me in Whistler during the 2022 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

I appreciated the opportunity to discuss your interest in speed calming measures, as well as your support for a cost-sharing formula for rural transit routes.

The annual UBCM gathering allows our two levels of government to come together to discuss how to build a better future for all British Columbians. Local governments and leaders like you are instrumental in driving positive economic, social, cultural and environmental change across the province. It was a privilege to meet in person this year and prioritize what matters most to B.C. communities.

I have asked Kenedee Ludwar, Executive Director, Engineering Services, to reach out to you directly to discuss in more detail your interest in location-specific speed calming measures. Should you have any questions in the meantime, she can be reached at 236 468-1932 or Kenedee.Ludwar@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.

Our government recognizes the importance of safe and affordable public transit. In 2020, our government partnered with the federal government to provide TransLink, BC Transit and BC Ferries with \$1.08 billion in Safe Restart funding. This funding helped keep fares affordable, sustained service levels and enabled us to provide [free public transit for children 12 and under](#) in the 130 communities served by BC Transit. This change will make public transportation more accessible for families by reducing the financial burden and will help create a generation of lifelong transit users.

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I have asked Jodi Dong, Executive Director, Transit Branch, to contact you to further discuss the concerns you raised during our meeting about Provincial-local cost sharing formulas for the delivery of transit services in rural locations. You can also reach Ms. Dong directly at 778 698-3399 or Jodi.Dong@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions in the meantime, and she would be pleased to assist you.

Our government is focused on building British Columbians a safe, efficient and dependable multi-modal transportation network. This year's convention theme—Value of One, Power of Many—speaks to the opportunities that lie ahead as we keep working together to deliver on this commitment.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Rob Fleming
Minister

Copy to: Kathryn Krishna, Deputy Minister

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Kevin Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister
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Kenedee Ludwar, Executive Director
Engineering Services

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